

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in this Application. Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-6 and 8. Applicants also acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that claims 7 and 9-13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner objected to claims 7 and 9-13 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c) asserting improper multiply dependency. In response, claims 7, 9, and 11-13 have been amended to address the improper multiple dependency issue raised by the Examiner. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter. Specifically, claim 9 has been amended to be in independent form. Claim 7 has been amended to be dependent on claim 4 or 5, claim 11 amended to be dependent on claim 9 or 10, claim 12 amended to be dependent on claim 9 or 10, and claim 13 amended to be dependent on claim 1, 8, or 9. Accordingly, withdrawal of the claim objection is solicited. A Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith since claim 9 has been amended to be in independent form without including the limitations of claims 6 to 8.

Accordingly, the application is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

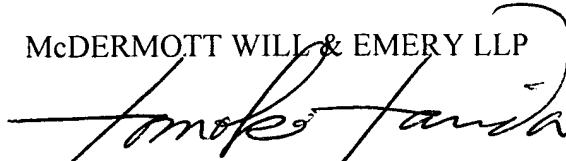
To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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